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Pakistan*: draft resolution

Strengthening the role of the regional commissions

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 45/264 of 13 May 1991 and 46/235 of 13 April 1992 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields and recalling also General Assembly resolution 46/145 of 17 December 1991 on regional economic integration among developing countries and other relevant General Assembly resolutions,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation, 1/

Bearing in mind that regional economic integration is important in expanding trade and investment, particularly in developing countries, and that regional economic integration has the potential to strengthen global economic and social development,

1. Urges the regional commissions to strengthen their role in assisting developing countries to promote accelerated development through an integrated approach;

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

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2. Recommends that, when preparing regional technical cooperation programmes, the regional commissions, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and other relevant United Nations bodies, coordinate their work, with the aim of achieving a better and more focused use of available resources, greater coherence of action and, therefore, greater and more concentrated impact;

3. Also recommends that the regional commissions participate fully in the programme budget process at United Nations Headquarters;

4. Urges that priority setting for programming should take fully into account the views of the membership;

5. Also urges the regional commissions, at the request of Member States, together with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in accordance with the Cartagena commitment, 2/ to contribute to the identification, preparation and implementation of specific projects to facilitate economic integration and to submit them to bilateral donors, regional development banks and financial institutions for their consideration;

6. Requests each regional commission, as appropriate, to study the possibility of assisting Member States to participate fully and effectively at the sessions of the regional commissions;

7. Stresses the role and important contribution of the regional commissions, within their mandates, in the follow-up and implementation of the decisions, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, in particular those contained in Agenda 21;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council at its substantive session of 1993 on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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